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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my opinion that the US Government should never have gotten involved with taking legal action against Microsoft. Nevertheless, I am happy to see that the settlement in the antitrust case has occurred and I hope that the concessions Microsoft will be making will turn out to be in the best interest of the American public.

Microsoft has been the leading innovator of technology for over a decade now and has set the standards for product and service development in the industry. They should not be penalized, but rather praised for their efforts and vision.

I sincerely hope that no further litigation comes against them and that Microsoft is able to focus on business, and not forced to spend time on legal strategy.

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